Air Resources Board



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TO: All Interested Parties

TOPIC: PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

THE AB 2588 AIR TOXICS "HOT SPOTS" EMISSION INVENTORY

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES REGULATION

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in public workshops to discuss proposed amendments to the AB 2588 Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Emission Inventory Criteria and Guidelines Regulation (Guidelines Regulation). At the workshops, staff will describe how the proposed amendments will incorporate stationary diesel engines into the "Hot Spots" program. The goal of the amendments is to have the emission inventory reporting and risk reduction requirements of the "Hot Spots" program align with existing Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) requirements for stationary compression ignition engines (Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 93115) to streamline requirements for those facilities already complying with the ATCM. The public workshops will be held at the following locations:

Sacramento Workshop
Tuesday March 28, 2006
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Southern California Workshop
Monday April 3, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 E. Copley Dr, Room GB
Diamond Bar, CA. 91765

The public workshop in Sacramento will be broadcast on the Internet here: http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cal_wbcst.php. By accessing this website, interested parties will be able to monitor the meeting and submit comments or questions via e-mail.

The Guidelines Regulation, which was first adopted by the ARB in 1989, specifies how emissions are required to be reported by facilities under the "Hot Spots" program. It was last amended in 1997. Since that time, the ARB has adopted an ATCM to reduce emissions from diesel-fueled stationary engines, and improved health effects values for

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toxic air pollutants and new risk assessment methodologies have been developed by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). At these workshops, we will discuss proposed amendments to the Guidelines Regulation that will reflect this new information, much of which is already routinely being used in many Cal/EPA programs.

Specifically, we are proposing to amend the Guidelines Regulation to align with the ATCM for stationary diesel engines. By harmonizing the Guidelines Regulation with the ATCM, the "Hot Spots" requirements are streamlined for facilities that have complied with the ATCM reporting and emission control requirements, thereby minimizing the workload for facilities with diesel engines. The proposed amendments will also incorporate the 2003 OEHHA Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Program Risk Assessment Guidelines, which are already being used by local air pollution control and air quality management districts as they continue to implement the Guidelines Regulation. Prior to the workshops, the agenda and any other workshop materials will be posted on our website at http://www.arb.ca.gov/ab2588/2588guid.htm.

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We welcome your participation in this effort. If you have questions regarding the AB 2588 "Hot Spots" program, please contact Mr. Chris Halm at (916) 323-4865, or by email at chalm@arb.ca.gov. If you would like to subscribe to the list serve for this effort, please go to http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv.php and enter your email address.

Sincerely,

/s/

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cc: Mr. Chris Halm

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